

# GRAUSTARK

The first 'zine for the postal play of Diplomacy, a game of negotiation and conflict designed by Allan B. Calhamer and published by Hasbro

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2006A

"Fall 1905"

GAIN A FEW, LOSE A FEW

Following "Spring 1905" moves, England did not retreat the dislodged F Mid, so it was removed.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): No moves received. A Par, F St.P(n.c.), F Nwy, F Nat, and F Pic hold.

FRANCE (Alme): F Por S ITALIAN F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Mun; A Sil S A Mun; A Mun S A Sil; F Bot-Bal; A Pru S A Sil.

ITALY (Burgess): F Mid-Gas; A Spa S F Mid-Gas; A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Ion-Gre; A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Williams): A Boh-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Gal; F Ion-Gre; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA (Biehl): A Ukr-Sev; A War holds; A Smy-Con; F Aeg-Ion; A Arm-Sev; A Mos S A War.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Gas-Bre or removes this unit. The direction of this retreat must be sent in with the "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Par, St.P. (7)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)
FRANCE: Por. (1)	
GERMANY: Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (7)	RUSSIA: Ank, Con, Mos, Sev, Smy, War. (6)
ITALY: Bul, Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (7)	

England may build two new units, and Germany may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2009. Stand-by orders for England should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, whose address is in "The Graustark Directory" on p. 5. For information on stand-by orders see "Please Stand By" on p. 3.

2002D

"Winter 1916"

FRANCE (Lischett): Builds F Bre, A Mar. RUSSIA (Jordan): Removes A Arm.  
GERMANY (Quirk): Builds A Ber.

The deadline for "Spring 1917" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2009. The vote on a draw fails of the necessary unanimity, and is again submitted to the players.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following readers expire with the indicated issue of Graustark. This information is valid to the date of 28 February 2009. See p. 2 for information about extending your subscription or joining a new game.

790 - Mike Fisher  
797 - W. Andrew York

797 - Eric Verheiden  
799 - Mike Barno

799 - Brenton Verploeg

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I recommend that postal Diplomacy players mail in their moves rather than phoning them in. But if you do phone them in, for the time being don't leave a message on my answering machine. I have discovered that it is currently out of order, and will not record. If I don't answer the phone, phone back later. I will inform players when I can get the answering machine repaired.

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Today's Terrorism Alert Color Code is Muslim Green, commemorating President Obama's intent to move U. S. troops out of Iraq - and into Afghanistan.

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Graustark is the Very First bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy. It is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226-5302. Diplomacy is a board game of negotiation and conflict for the period of World War I. It was designed by Allan B. Calhamer and is now published by Hasbro. Another new postal Diplomacy game is now being organized in Graustark, at a game fee of \$35. (For Canadian and Mexican addresses the game fee is \$50, and for other foreign addresses it is \$100, or 75 euros in cash.) This game fee includes a subscription to Graustark for as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated. With your game fee send in a list of the countries you'd like to play, in your order of preference, and I'll try to put you as close to the top of that list as I can. If you do not already have the postal rules for Diplomacy, which were last published in Graustark #749, let me know when you send in your game fee, and I'll send you a copy.

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P Great  
E Intervals  
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A Appears  
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Graustark subscriptions for non-players are 10 issues for \$15 for U. S. addresses, and \$40 or 30 euros for others. Back issues as available are 10 issues for \$5 for U. S. addresses. To foreign addresses, back issues have the same price as for foreign subscriptions. Players who phone in their moves should call me at 718-693-1579.

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I want to again remind players that the U. S. Postal "Service" is not capable of reliably getting mail here in less than a week. Please take this into account in sending in your moves. If, a few times, your moves have arrived here by mail in less than a week, do not assume that this will always be the case.

Graustark readers who are interested in postal games which don't run here, are invited to write to the publishers of 'zines with which I trade, and ask what game openings they have. For their addresses, see all the readers indicated by "(T)" for "trade" in "The Graustark Directory" in this issue. Several of these publishers run a wide variety of postal games.

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This issue is short, and a little late, because I am trying to keep the weekend of Saturday 4 April free from publishing. On that date we will be attending the wedding of our oldest grandson in Connecticut. His bride's family wants a formal ceremony with all the trimmings, so I have already been measured for a rented tuxedo, an item of clothing which I regard as excessively and unnecessarily formal. This is quite a contrast from our own wedding, which took place 46 years ago in street clothes in the offices of a city clerk whose indictment came down shortly afterwards. Our only witness was an elderly Communist who had once been the mistress of Perdita's previous husband's father. Obviously, a formal ceremony is not necessarily a guarantee of a solid marriage.

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I published the current first-class postal rates in Graustark #787. However, I had no sooner got hold of the new postal rates, thanks to Don Del Grande, than I learned that there will be a still newer set of postal rates, as of Monday 11 May 2009. Since there were also rate increases in May 2007 and May 2008, apparently this is now going to be an annual event.

Needless to say, the U. S. Postal "Service" has announced only the new one-ounce rate for "small envelopes". This will apparently be 44c. As soon as I can find a complete set of the new rates, I will publish them in Graustark.

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## GERMANS ADVANCE ON ALL FRONTS

GERMANY (Mathias): F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; A Liv-Yor; A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos; A War S A Sil-Gal; A Ber-Sil; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Bre-Gas; A Mar S F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; A Sil-Gal; A Liv S A War; A Mun-Tyr; A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Mooney): A Boh-Vie; A Tri S A Boh-Vie; A Ven S A Tri; A Spa-Mar; F Por-Mid; F Tun-Tyr; F Nap-Ion.

RUSSIA (Biehl): A Mos holds.

TURKEY (Bruce): A Vie-Tyr; A Gal-Vie; A Sev & A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Mos; F Tyr-Wes; A Rum-Bud; A Ser S A Rum-Bud; F Bla-Con; F Adr-Apu; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Spa and the Turkish A Vie are dislodged and annihilated. Turkey retreats A Gal-Rum or removes the unit. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of this Turkish retreat, is NOON, FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2009. The vote on a draw fails of the necessary unanimity, and is again submitted to the players.

## PLEASE STAND BY

Now that I have resumed regular publication of Graustark, I am willing to take over games that have been abandoned by their gamesmasters. So if you are a postal gamesmaster who is no longer able to publish, please get in touch with me and with the Orphan Games Director, Michael Lowrey. (See "The Graustark Directory" for his address.) If the game is to continue in Graustark, I would need the addresses of all active players, the current position, and a list of who owns which supply centers. If subscription money can be passed along to me, fine. Otherwise I will ask players to join a new game in Graustark, or to subscribe to Graustark if they do not already do so. Players who resign or drop out can be replaced by Graustark stand-by players.

It is best if this is done quickly, should it be necessary. If a game is abandoned for too long, some players may lose interest, and may not continue to play when it resumes under another gamesmaster.

Stand-by players are always needed for postal Diplomacy games in Graustark. If you volunteer as a stand-by, you may be called upon whenever a current player misses a move. If you send in moves for that country for the next turn, and the present player does not, you will take over play of that position. No game fee will be asked, though you should keep your subscription current, or enroll in a new Graustark game. No stand-by will be called upon in a game in which he or she has already played.

Stand-by volunteers who are willing to take on additional games of postal Diplomacy are listed below. A stand-by player who is already playing in a Graustark game is indicated by "\*". A stand-by player who is asked to send in orders for the next issue is indicated by "#". If you wish your name added to or removed from this list, please let me know.

Hank Alme*	Harley Jordan*	Eric Verheiden#	Bill Young
John R. Biehl	Michael Quirk*	Fred Wiedemeyer*	

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 2)

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I was disappointed to see, in the *New York Post* of 13 February 2009, that Midway Games has filed for bankruptcy. This Chicago firm published several good short card and board games, including Family Business and Encounters. Unfortunately, they seem to have over-extended themselves with the Mortal Kombat video-game series and with a recent change of ownership.

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## THE GRAUSTARK DIRECTORY

Players in a current postal Diplomacy games are indicated by its Boardman Number, with the initial of the country being played, and with "S" indicating a substitute player. (E. g., "2006A-R" or "2002D-FS".) Paying subscribers will be indicated by the number of the issue with which the subscription expires. Other designations are:

C: complimentary copy for a gamer

N: entrant in the next Graustark postal Diplomacy game

R: complimentary copy for a non-gamer interested in the mystery novel reviews

T: trade copy

U: uncomplimentary copy

This directory is accurate to the date of 21 February 2009. Addresses which have been changed or corrected from those listed in #788 have been underlined. Please let me know of any corrections or additions that need to be made, particularly if you want your nine-digit ZIP code, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address added to your listing. This is particularly important for electronic addresses, which seem to change more frequently than do postal addresses.

If you are already a Graustark subscriber when you decide to send in a game fee, then when the game begins, the number of issues you had coming when you joined will be added to your subscription once the game ends. After your name in the Directory will appear some such notation as "2004C-T+6".

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#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 3)

Pope Benedict XVI has recently created a problem for himself and his church by lifting the excommunication of a Bishop Williamson who made himself notorious by denying that the Nazis attempted to exterminate Europe's Jews. And he also promoted to the position of Auxiliary Bishop of Linz an Austrian cleric named Gerhard Maria Wagner, who "described J. K. Rowling's popular Harry Potter novels as 'satanism' and warned against the magical spells and formulas used in the novels." (*New York Daily News*, 1 February 2009) And, commenting on the damage Hurricane Katrina did to New Orleans, Wagner commented "It's no coincidence that in New Orleans all five abortion clinics as well as nightclubs were destroyed. Is the noticeable rise in natural disasters a consequence of environmental pollution or rather of spiritual pollution?"

I have recently received a trade copy of Alex Richardson's postal gaming 'zine Obsidian. It is published in an unusual format, which I would reckon has the effect of lowering his postal rates. Considering that international postal rates have reached particularly high amounts, this is a good idea. Obsidian runs postal games of Diplomacy, Civilization, and several other games. Richardson's address is on p. 5 of this issue of Graustark.

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The desperation of President Obama's Republican opponents may be illustrated by the fact that they are calling his programs "Socialism". Actually, once you grant that people without children should pay taxes to support public schools, you have admitted the basic principle of Socialism. The only question then is, how far will you apply it?

These considerations were emphasized by the commentary about the recent death of Paul Harvey (1918-2009), the Rush Limbaugh of his generation. I heard his commentary from time to time during the 1940s, but was unimpressed by it. He also wrote books, which the obituaries did not mention. One of them, *Autumn of Liberty*, claimed that oppressive measures taken by liberal Democratic administrations were gradually destroying America's tradition of individual liberty.

The next few years showed the exact opposite of Harvey's claim. Various Supreme Court decisions, including school desegregation, the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts, and the abandonment of the military draft, greatly *expanded* individual liberty.

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A few issues of Graustark have come back in the mail, with indications that the addressees have moved and not left forwarding addresses. If you are moving, and wish to continue receiving Graustark, please let me know your new address. A form for this purpose may be obtained at any post office.

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